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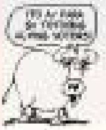

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ATTENTION, "FLYING" voters!

With less than a month to go before the May polls, the Church-backed watchdog

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Slain RP media workers honored at awards rites

HONG KONG—THIRTY-TWO FILIPINO media workers massacred in the largest single killing of journalists recorded anywhere in the world were honored at an international ceremony here.

The occasion was the awarding of top news and feature prizes at the prestigious Asia Human Rights Awards, which were announced at a ceremony on Saturday.

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DOJ order to clear 2 Ampatuans assailed

Saycon tags DND chief in junta plan

By Arlyn dela Cruz
Correspondent at large

IS DEFENSE SECRETARY NORBERTO Gonzales preparing the military for the possible failure of election of a president on May 10 and the takeover of a junta?

This is the question raised by Pastor "Boy" Saycon of the Council for Philippine Affairs (Copa) based on what he describes as an "S-1 report" from field officers in the Armed Forces of the Philippines following quarterly battalion movements by Gonzales.

"Since when has it been the official function of the DND secretary to conduct battalion movement with battalion commanders in the AFP? Is he now functioning also as the chief of staff of the AFP? Does Gen. Delfin Bangit know anything about this?" Saycon asked in a recent interview with the Inquirer.

In the latest such assessment in Cagayan de Oro City, Saycon said he was told by his military sources that Gonzales had ordered battalion commanders to be on heightened alert for a possible failure of election for the presidency.

Contacted by phone, Gonza-

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CALL FOR JUSTICE Youth activists rally in front of the Department of Justice to condemn its order dropping two Ampatuan clan members from the massacre charge sheet.

Protesters suspect 'collusion'

By Christine O. Avendaño and Dona Pazzibugan

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT move to drop murder charges against two members of the Ampatuan clan who were previously implicated in the Maguindanao massacre has reaped a whirlwind of protests.

One senator lambasted the action of Justice Secretary Alberto Agra as poor logic. Others suspected it was done in exchange for votes for President Macapagal-Arroyo's candidates in the May 10 elections, while one lawyer said it proved the victims of the massacre would not get justice under the present administration.

A Roman Catholic Church official, Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez, said one could not help but suspect "a collusion" between the administration and the Ampatuans.

The protests were sparked by Agra's order to state prosecutors to drop the murder indictments against Zaldy Am-

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Political reforms in a sportsman's field of dreams

By Fernando del Mundo
Chief, i-Team

(Fifth of a series)

THINK ISSUES
i-TEAM Report

LAUREL, BATANGAS—HE TOWERS in the crowd of mostly old folks, hugging toothless women and wrinkled men, coaxing them to line up before desks staffed by a volunteer medical mission.

Nurses first take their blood pressure at the morning such visitors in the town named after a family that over a century of public service had given the nation a president, a vice president, a speaker of the House of Representatives, senators and congressmen.

The men and women then queue before an optometrist for examinations for eyeglasses they are going to have for the first time in their lives.

"You need good eyes, so you can mark the ballot correctly," Luis Carlos "Arsenic" Laurel, who had made arrangements for the mission, tells one woman, wrapping an arm around her shoulder.

With a smile and a twinkle in his eyes, he tells the woman as he leads her to the specialist that she had to shade the circle beside his name precisely so her vote would be counted in the May 10 elections.

Shading the ovals adjacent to some 300 names listed on a

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CONGRESSIONAL candidate Arsenic Laurel and his wife Crispy Santamaria chat with supporters in Tanauan City.

Gordon seeks Comelec action on TV ads

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Jerry E. Esplanada

SEN. RICHARD GORDON IS ASKING why the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has not acted on reports that his rivals in the presidential race—Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III and Manuel Villar—may have already overspent on television ads.

While Aquino and Villar may have exceeded the legal limit, TV ads of Sen. Maria Ana Consuelo "Jamby" Madrigal, an independent presidential candidate, have finally gotten airtime.

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Fight for Muslim women's rights gets personal

LAO: A life's mission of public service

By Dona Pazzibugan
Contributor

THE PEACE ACTIVIST, WOMEN'S rights advocate and community organizer is walking her talk by running for senator.

Yasmin Busran-Lao, 50, a candidate of the Liberal Party (LP), has made public service her life's mission. She works with disadvantaged communities and the women of Muslim Mindanao, having grown up amid its violent conflicts and grinding poverty.

For her efforts, she was awarded the Benigno S. Aquino Jr. Fellowship for Professional Development by the US Embassy and the Benigno S. Aquino Foundation in 2005.

"Fighting for the rights of Muslim women and other marginalized groups is something personal for me. I get enough satisfaction helping people gain a certain control over their lives," Lao told the Women's Feature Service.

Lao believes that ordinary people must be given opportunities to serve the country even if "they do not have the money and the clout that most politicians have."

"There has to be new politics ... that comes from ordinary people like us [who] have the capacity and the ability to serve this country. It is time for the citizenry to be the spokesperson of its own agenda," she said.

Running for a public post was

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Building green communities pushed

By DJ Yap and Kora Maica Reyes

BEYOND JUST CUTTING CARBON emissions, environment advocates are pushing for an innovative response to climate change—to build green communities that can withstand not only the next Tropical Storm "Ondoy" but a season of Ondoys.

That conviction has led to the launching of Design Against the Elements (DAE), an international Philippine-led contest for architects that seeks the best environment-friendly design for urban housing that can be replicated in the country and abroad.

The goal is to build villages that are not only green but also disaster-resilient.

"We simply have to acknowledge the fact that climate change is happening and it will continue to happen. We have to be on survival mode," said Elsa Diaz, one of the leaders behind DAE.

At a press briefing earlier this month, Diaz said people "have to start looking for ways to adapt to climate change" instead of constantly relying on the usual rescue-relief-rehabilitation response by the government and private sector to calamities brought about by global warming.

"It's time we accepted the fact that it's not one Ondoy. It's [going to be] a series of Ondoys. More important, what will we do about the next Ondoy?" Diaz said.

In September last year, Ondoy (in-

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CLEAN AIR ACT Some 10,000 people bike for clean air during the 12th Tour of the Fireflies in Pasig City.

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By Philip C. Tubeza and Nikko Dizon

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Bangit frees 10 Magdalo rebels

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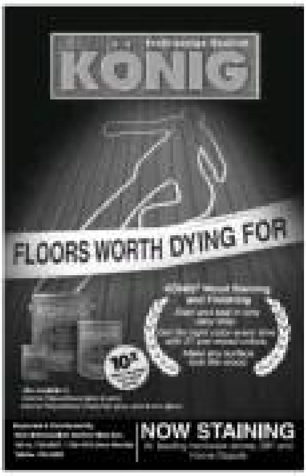

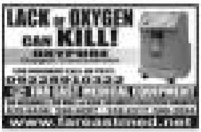

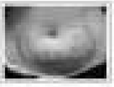

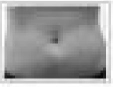

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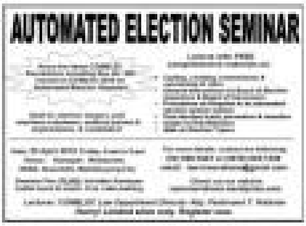

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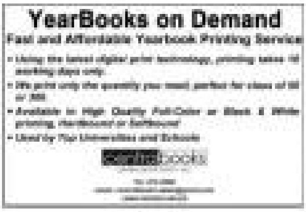

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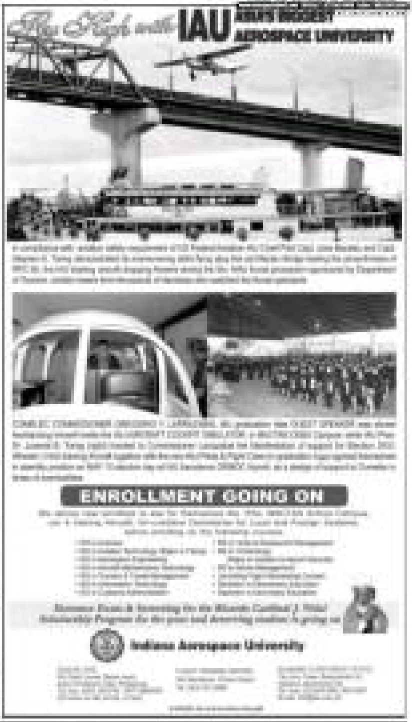

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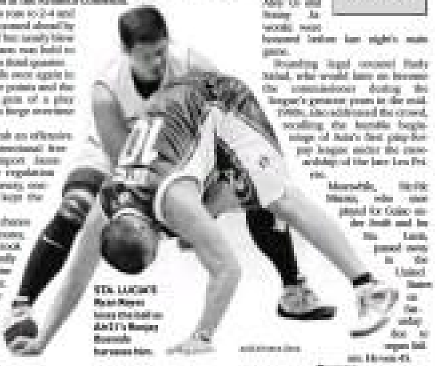

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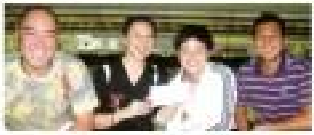

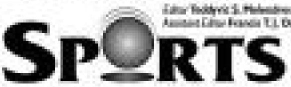

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MUGABE in photo taken in 1980

US marks Oklahoma City bombing amid growth of hate groups

By Carol Cole-Frowe

MEMBERS of the New Black Panthers group stage a counterprotest after the neo-Nazi group, The American National Socialist Movement, held a rally in front of the Los Angeles City Hall on April 17.

Europe extends flight bans as ash cloud spreads

Modernization at North Harbor lauded by maritime industry leaders

Turnover rites herald coming of new day at busy port

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Pope: Church 'wounded by our sins'

VALLETTA—ROMAN CATHOLICism has been "wounded by our sins," Pope Benedict XVI said at the start of a two-day visit to Malta, but he avoided directly referring to the sexual abuse scandals sweeping the world's largest Church.

Benedict, 83, neither mentioned the scandals coming to light in Europe and the United States nor used the word "abuse" in his comments to reporters on the plane to Malta, where 10 men who said they were victims of predator priests want to meet him.

The German-born pontiff, who has met abuse victims in the US and Australia, could meet some, Vatican spokesperson Rev. Federico Lombardi has said, but it was not known if he would do so during his short stay on the Mediterranean island.

Speaking in Italian, Benedict said that Malta, which is 95 percent Catholic, loved the Church, "even if this body is wounded by our sins."

Lombardi told journalists that Benedict was referring to the many cases of sexual abuse of children by priests in past decades that have come to light in recent months.

Representatives of victims of sexual abuse were disappointed by the Pope's comments on the plane.

"The Pope must stop speaking about the rape and sexual assault and cover-up by Church officials of so many Catholic children with vague pastoral metaphors from 30,000 feet in the sky," said Peter Isely of SNAP, the US-based Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests.

"He needs to directly initiate and participate in an open and transparent process of accountability and reform with victim groups, international criminal justice authorities and others," Isely told Reuters in an e-mail.

The Pope himself has been accused of turning a blind eye in 1980, when he was archbishop of Munich in his native Germany, to the case of a priest who was sent there for therapy after sexually abusing children and soon transferred to parish work. *Reuters*

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of **CEBU HOLDINGS, INC.** will be held on **THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010** at **10:00 o'clock in the morning** at Ballroom 1 of the City Sports Club Cebu, Cebu City, with the following

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4. Annual Report
5. Ratification of All Acts and Resolutions of the Board of Directors and Management
6. Election of Directors (including Independent Directors)
7. Election of Auditors and Approval of Remuneration
8. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting
9. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on **March 4, 2010** shall be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, this meeting.

Makati City, February 18, 2010.

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Stocks seen to weaken

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Aside from the index coming ripe for a technical correction, some investors may choose to lock in gains ahead of the elections, some dealers said.

"There seems to be a strong resistance at the 3,200 level as the PSEi is showing signs of tiring. No index or stock normally would run non-stop after 12 session highs. The local main index has already made 15 session highs and had reached overbought levels as early as April 6," BPI Capital Securities said.

"The local bourse may continue to get guidance from the major markets abroad, which appear to be headed for a correction as well, the brokerage said.

"Locally the upcoming elections may start to have some influence on the market. With repeated warnings of a possible failure, investors may choose to lighten up and realize profits," BPI Capital said.

It noted that the PSEi's main support was at 3,150 while resistance was at 3,300.

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By Doris C. Dumlao

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Highlands Prime '09 profit down 87%

HIGHLANDS PRIME Inc., the leisure estate development arm of the SM group, reported a slowdown in 2009 net profit as favorable earnings from real estate sales were tempered by some property expenses.

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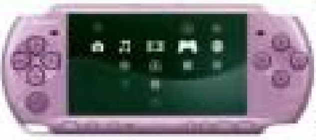
Sony's newest PlayStation makes a grand entrance

The PS3 (above) has officially arrived. At left are the latest PSP variants.



By Raquel F Gomez

Fans of Sony PlayStation may see it as a dream come true.

The most popular gaming console is now officially available in the country and will be sold at Sony stores nationwide.

These stores will carry the latest PlayStation 3 (PS3) gaming and entertainment console, as well as its portable version the PlayStation Portable (PSP).

Sony executives said that apart from the products, services and warranties will be made available as well.

Sony introduced the PlayStation 1 in 1994. The portable version came out in 2005.

The popular gaming console has encouraged the fast development of the gaming industry—game titles kept on expanding as new PSP versions were released.

The PS3, which is already a third-generation PlayStation, has also seen a lot of improvements.

The latest PS3 features bigger internal storage capacities, with models carrying either 120 GB or 250 GB, allowing for more space to store games, music, photos and movies.

It also features a front-loading Blu-Ray optical disc drive so it can play high-definition games distributed on Blu-ray discs.

However, the drive can also support games on media as CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-ROM, DVD-R, DVD+R, SACD.

Already a Wi-Fi capable device, it also boasts an Ethernet port, four USB ports, HDMI output, composite video and S-video ports, optical audio output, and Bluetooth 2.0. It also features flash memory slots that accept compact flash, SD and Memory Stick Duo.

As for its appearance, the PS3 looks like a sleeker version of its previous incarnation with additional details such as textured surface finish.

Sony's iconic PSP, the handheld video game and entertainment console, now also sports a large screen, with a powerful processor and high-intensity graphics.

The PSP is intended for hardcore gamers and even enthusiasts who want to enjoy intense gaming experience while they're away from their PS3 or large screen TVs.

The PSP 3000 model will be available in piano black, pearl white, mystic silver, radiant red and vibrant blue colors.

Suggested retail prices for PlayStation products are: P18,990 for the 120 GB PS3 model, P20,990 for the 250 GB PS3 model, and P9,990 for the PSP 3000.

With the launch of the PlayStation platforms, users in the Philippines will be able to enjoy a wide variety of entertainment content apart from games, such as music and movies.

To further boost the PlayStation gaming platform, Sony officials announced the release of "God of War III," which will offer players enhanced graphics, great action scenes and big exciting battles.

World goes gaga over Wi-Fi handsets

Abigail L. Ho

THE GLOBAL OBSESSION WITH CONNECTIVITY will translate to shipments of more than 100 million Wi-Fi-enabled handsets globally this year, according to research firm In-Stat.

In a report titled "Wi-Fi in Mobile Phones: Dual-Mode Becomes the In Thing," In-Stat said that while most people still access Wi-Fi via their notebooks, more than 25 percent said they accessed Wi-Fi hotspots using their handsets.

Handset manufacturers are taking note of this trend by also putting Wi-Fi capability on handsets that are not necessarily smartphones.

In-Stat said the Wi-Fi attach rate, or the percentage of handsets with embedded Wi-Fi, would nearly triple from last year to 2013.

The consumer market is also becoming increasingly attached to accessing the Internet via Wi-Fi on their cellular phones, thanks largely to the success of the Apple iPhone and the social networking craze.

"There are three primary zones of Wi-Fi handset usage: at home, in the office and on the go," In-Stat analyst Frank Dickson said. "At home, while broadband penetration has increased significantly over the past several years, so, too, has Wi-Fi penetration. This has enabled home networks that will rely on Wi-Fi handsets for voice and to share information with other devices such as TVs."

"In the office, enterprise smartphones will continue evolving to leverage (voice over Internet protocol's) potential, and on the go, consumers are increasingly leveraging Wi-Fi-enabled handsets as they become more educated about hotspots," he added.

Here in the Philippines, while Wi-Fi hotspot coverage is still not as extensive as in developed markets, such as Singapore and South Korea, more and more establishments, particularly in the business and commercial districts, are offering either free or paid Wi-Fi access.

Largely though, Wi-Fi access in the country is still via notebooks.

PLDT Strengthens Ties with Unilever

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Apple previews iPhone OS 4 applications

Apple Inc recently previewed its iPhone® OS 4 software and released a beta version of the software to iPhone Developer Program members.

The iPhone OS 4 beta release includes an updated Software Development Kit with over 1,500 new Application Programming Interfaces and over 100 new features that will be available to iPhone and iPod touch® users this summer.

New features include Multitasking for third party apps; folders to better organize and access apps; improved Mail with a unified inbox, fast inbox switching and threaded messages; enhanced Enterprise support with even better data protection, mobile device management, wireless app distribution; Apple's new iAd mobile advertising platform; and iBooks, the delightful new ebook reader and online bookstore that recently debuted on the iPad™.

"iPhone OS 4 is the fourth major release of the world's most advanced mobile operating system," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We're delivering over 100 new features, including multitasking, a unified inbox, deeper Enterprise support, and an iPhone version of our iBooks reader and online Bookstore."

More than four billion apps have already been downloaded from the revolutionary App Store and more than 185,000 apps are available to consumers in 90 countries.

THE BOOKTOP can function as an external storage device.

Netbook takes on new form

By Raquel F Gomez

THE NETBOOK—A LAPTOP with scaled-down features intended for Internet use—has undergone another transformation.

Taiwanese PC maker Gigabyte has introduced the Booktop M1022, a netbook that functions as a desktop PC as well.

The Booktop M1022 comes with a docking station. It can boot up as a desktop PC attached to an external display, keyboard and mouse.

For it to function as a desktop, the docking station provides ports for external display (VGA port), three USB, LAN for Internet connectivity, and line out for external speakers.

So in some instances, Gigabyte's "Booktop" is a combination of notebook and laptop (as Intel Atom powered desktop). The difference is, the Booktop can function fully as a laptop when it's not docked.

As a netbook, it is portable and light, and has the hardware features found in other brands of netbooks.

It features 10.1-inch LED screen, three USB ports, media card reader, LAN port, VGA port, Wi-Fi, multi-touch touchpad, built-in 1.3M camera, Bluetooth, and 92 percent full-sized keyboard.

It is also powered by Intel Atom N280 (clocked at 1.66 GHz, 512 MB L2 Cache, and Intel i945GSE Express Chipset) and installed with 1 GB DDR2 memory module.

It has up that can function as a desktop in a secret sleek and offers features of both devices.

For example, a user can enjoy the portability of the Booktop (it weighs only a little over than a kilogram), at the same time enjoy the features of a desktop, like bigger display screen and the comfort of typing on a desktop keyboard.

In fact, the Booktop can function as an external storage (it has a 250 GB capacity) device, which the user can immediately access to play movies that can be better viewed on a bigger display.

This also applies for photos, images, or documents the user may want to project or edit on a bigger display.

Another good thing about the Booktop is, when it's docked and functioning as a desktop, the ports found on the notebook, for example the LAN port, USB ports and card reader, help to expand the number of ports a user can access.

The Booktop features a latch that can also be easily opened for memory upgrades.

It also features a "Smart Manager" user interface to easily manage system programs, such as wireless or Bluetooth connectivity, camera, volume, battery, or screen brightness.

The Booktop is one amazing PC, merging the best features of a desktop and notebook in one.

GIGABYTE'S M1022 comes with a docking station.

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Network edges out GMA 7 with 45% audience share

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What should be on top of the new president's agenda?

Fighting corruption appears on top of business leaders' wish list for the next head of state

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

WHOEVER WINS AS PRESident on May 10 has his work cut out for him.

There's the extreme difficulty in collecting enough taxes to fund social programs, the very real possibility of missing most of the targets outlined under the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations, and the dire lack of big-ticket investments that will provide more Filipinos with decent jobs.

JOSE Concepcion III

Then there are the seemingly unsolvable problems with graft and corruption, worsening quality of education, adverse effects of climate change and the increase in the number of Filipino families who do not have enough to meet their basic needs.

With all of these significant problems, what should the new president prioritize?

To help answer this question, Business Monday sought the views of chief executive officers of some of the country's biggest corporations and owners of small and medium-sized companies.

THE first thing the new President should not do is to change everything that President Macapagal-Arroyo has done in pushing for a stronger Philippines Inc. Continue with maintaining industrial peace by having the Department of Labor ensure that both management and labor work out differences. For the last nine years, the Philippines has almost been strike-free. Continue with entrepreneurship as a backbone in fighting poverty. Continue to focus on tourism and business process outsourcing by ensuring easier accessibility through air, land and sea through good roads and more airports.—RFM Corp. CEO Jose Concepcion III

A NUMBER OF THINGS COME TO MIND, but first would be to increase direct foreign investments and market the Philippines further and on all angles. We lag behind most nations in Asia in terms of foreign direct investments.—Miguel C. Garcia, president and managing director, Diversified Technology Systems Inc. (DTSI)

AMONG the first official acts of the new President should be to replace the heads of

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Marketing presidents

NACIONALISTA Party standard-bearer Manny Villar

By Willy E. Arcilla
Contributor

IF I WERE THE CHIEF Marketing Officer for the presidential candidates, what I would recommend for Manny Villar are:

1. Senator Villar has been enjoying strong upward momentum, nearly closing the gap with Noynoy until the most recent SWS survey which showed a drop in his ratings and increases in Noynoy and Erap. This can be due to a confluence of factors. First, a new TVC campaign of Erap that sought to revive his popularity with the masa, thus directly encroaching on Villar's bailiwick. Second, a new TVC of Noynoy that evoked poignant images of Ninoy's assassination and Cory's funeral.

2. What Noynoy and Erap do are beyond Villar's circle of influence, but what has aggravated Villar's slide are factors within his control and which he can still rectify. On advertising, it was premature to change the message of the TV campaign from "Tapusin ang Kahirapan" to "[illegible]" because it diverted people's attention from the original "anti-poverty" platform that sparked his rise in ratings. As he dialed down poverty, the timing coincided with Erap's "Pag may ERAP may ginhawa."

3. It also seemed like Villar was trying to dispel rumors of a "Villaroyo" conspiracy with the new TVC that showed him and his [illegible] as "Oppositionists". Opposition to the Administration is essentially an anti-corruption message, which is not only different from his "poverty" platform but it is already "owned" by brand Noynoy. It is therefore no surprise that Villar's ratings dropped while Noynoy and Erap gained. In the psychology of advertising and communications, this is a taboo—confusing your own franchise and advertising for the competitor at the same time.

4. Finally, the new TVC seems to be crying desperately to address allegations of corruption that need a more potent medium—public relations, because conspiracy theories of "[illegible]", his overspending in the campaign that will need to be recouped through means fair or foul, and rumors of impropriety about the C-5 extension were reported as "news". As any communications professional will attest, publicity is superior to advertising, because consumers perceive news, regardless if it's balanced or not, truthful or not, as more credible than advertising that is paid for.

5. Thus, the solution is for Villar to refocus on his platform "Tapusin ang kahirapan" in his advertising, this time backed up by concrete anti-poverty plans, and mount an aggressive PR offensive to counter all the allegations, e.g., with testimonials (NOT celebrity endorsements), press releases, TV appearances, radio guestings, bloggers, etc. because the point is for the electorate to "tell the truth and nothing but the truth". He can then complement his "Tapusin ang kahirapan" with "Tapusin ang [illegible]" for we can only eradicate poverty when we all work together for the common goal.

Globe rewards campaign garners massive response

By Paolo G. Montecillo

A NEW REWARDS CAMPAIGN launched by Ayala-led Globe Telecom Inc. to keep its subscribers loyal to the network has garnered a massive response from millions of users, the company said.

In just one day, more than two and a half million people replied to a single short messaging service (SMS) or "text" message that offered rewards in the form of cash and other products sent to the company's over 24 million subscribers.

The program started last April 4, Easter Sunday, was launched in a bid to promote loyalty among subscribers by offering them different kinds of rewards simply for staying on the Globe network and continuing to use the company's services.

The single-text message to all 25 million Globe postpaid and prepaid and TM subscribers last April 4 sent from Globe access number 4438 (G-I-F-T on most mobile phone keypads), had nearly 2.5 million subscribers replying within the same day to inquire or immediately redeem the prizes they had already earned, the company said in a statement.

The response rate of nearly 10 percent in a single day was "well-above current industry average for direct marketing campaigns yield only single-digit response rates to one-to-one communications, such as e-mail or snail mail," the company said.

Millions more subscribers have continued to avail of the perks since then, Globe said.

"We're pleased that our customers are so excited about this program. The positive response is very encouraging and we look forward to hearing from more of them in the coming weeks," said [illegible] Aguilar, Globe's head of [illegible].

"Giving our customers these special perks is our way of thanking them for trusting us to fill their communication needs. We hope that our many offers will continue to thrill them and keep them Globe-connected for a very long time," she added.

Perks and privileges range from free call and text services, free gifts and discounts from popular shops like [illegible], and venues like Jollibee, North Park and the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf.

Rewards are earned through the accumulation of points, which are gained by using Globe services like calling and sending text messages, or by simply staying on the network.

Globe ended 2009 with about 24.1 million subscribers, less than the 25 million subscribers the company had at the end of 2008.

In contrast, Globe's closest rival, Smart Communications Inc., had over 40 million subscribers, making it the country's largest mobile phone network.

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Concept, unique blends key to coffee shop success

By Abigail L. Ho

ITS DISTINCT AROMA INVOKES SENSATIONS of warmth and comfort. Just a sip out of a steaming hot cup can ease the stress that comes with never-ending deadlines and never-enough figures. Coffee really does have some sort of magic.

Filipinos have had a love affair with coffee since the Spanish times, after a Franciscan friar brought the now-staple drink to Philippine shores from Mexico. The drink became more mainstream during the American regime with the introduction of instant coffee in the domestic market.

Back then, coffee was mainly associated with breakfast and the older generation. It was not hip for the young to drink coffee and it was not common to have it at any time other than breakfast or after meals.

The 1990s, however, changed all these.

Coffee shops started sprouting. Large foreign chains such as Starbucks and Seattle's Best penetrated the Philippine market. Homegrown chain Figaro was put up. And the coffee shop industry never looked back.

But the coffee shop business can still take new entrants, especially if they have the right mix of a good concept, appropriate location, and good-quality coffee, says Robert Francisco, one of the original owners of Figaro and now president of local coffee solutions firm Real Coffee Co. (Philippines) Inc.

"We register a growth in consumption of 6 percent a year. Even if stores don't actually expand, consumption does. There's also been a growth in age group and market for coffee. There are a lot more opportunities now to drink coffee," he shares.

The perfect blend

In coming up with a good concept, he advises would-be coffee entrepreneurs to make novelty and uniqueness as their main criteria. Given the large number of coffee shops already in operation, a unique concept will give a new store the initial boost that it needs to attract customers.

Good, authentic training, both of the coffee shop owner and his staff, is also a key in-

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NOTHING tastes better than a freshly brewed cup.

COFFEE should be fresh and coffee blends unique.

THE WRITING on the wall says it all.

Concept, unique blends key …

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Make your coffee unique

ROBERT Francisco

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Business Monday

From handicraft sewer to native bag maker

JOCELYN "Josie" Llamoso, owner of Josie's Handicraft.

NATIVE bags made by Josie's Handicraft and designed by Josie herself.

A WORKER makes jute weaves at the production area of Josie's Handicraft in Barangay Bogtong, Legazpi City.

JUTE weaves of different colors and sizes made by Josie's Handicraft.

JUTE weave placemats made by Josie's Handicraft.

By Jonnie P. Los Baños
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LEGAZPI CITY—JOCELYN "Josie" Llamoso's interest in handicrafts started in 1980, when she worked as a sewer at Ban Bros Co. Inc., a manufacturer and exporter of handicrafts based in the nearby Daraga town.

For years, she worked at the export company making bag samples from time to time.

In 1995, she decided to establish Josie's Handicraft and hired three workers.

Josie's Handicraft makes handcrafted bags, jute weaves and place mats in its factory in Barangay Bogtong, Legazpi City. It is a supplier of Ban Bros.

She started with a P500 working capital.

"I bought materials and made bag samples which I showed to stores and Ban Bros," Josie says.

According to her, when buyers are interested in her bags, she would ask for a deposit for its production.

Quality

Like any other business, the road to success for Josie's business was not that easy.

"It is important that you learn everything—from making the bag, to designing, to sewing, etc.," the 50-year-old entrepreneur says.

Josie says that even if a procedure gave her a headache, "I needed to learn it."

Quality is of utmost importance to Josie.

"I want my bags to be clean inside and out," she says.

Josie says she does not accept too many orders if she knows that the quality of her handicrafts would suffer.

She emphasizes the importance of her workers.

"We should always take care of our workers and pay them on time," she says.

Josie's Handicraft production was in full swing in 2005 and 2006, producing more than 100 pieces of bags daily.

"We used to earn about P3,000 a day," says Josie.

Everything went smoothly and they started to slowly enjoy the rewards of their hard work since they put up their business.

In the middle of 2006, Josie was named Citigroup's Microentrepreneur of the Year for Luzon.

Own designs

Josie designs her own bags.

"There are times when I wake up in the middle of the night to draw my designs," she says.

Each bag design also has its own name like Sunshine, Sunset, Crissy, Pili, Lapsap, Zigzag, Betty, Josie, Candle and Flower.

All bags are in demand, but Josie says the Sunset, Crissy and Zigzag bags are the buyers' favorites.

A bag costs from P150 to P700, depending on the size and design.

Each bag design is also available in different colors, mostly with leather or wood handles.

Jute weaves are priced at P85 per meter regardless of the width (12 to 18 inches); the viper mat is sold at P250.

Josie says an 80-meter jute weave takes about four days to make.

They also sell table runners at P60 and slippers, designed by Josie, at P100 to P120.

Family business

Each member of Josie's family is involved in the business.

Josie's husband Gregorio and son Gilbert manage their store in Tabaco Road here while her daughter Cristina mans their store at the new Legazpi Grand Terminal.

Her three other children—Gregorio Jr., Jaymark and Emila—are still studying, but they also help in production and manning of the stores during their free time and on weekends.

She now maintains about 22 workers—four weavers in Tabaco Road and the rest of the weavers and sewers report daily at the production area beside their house.

Josie also hires additional workers if the demand for her products increases, especially in peak seasons, which is from September to March.

With Josie's Handicraft income, they were able to send their five children to school, build a house, buy a tricycle and a motorcycle.

At present, they make a minimum of 30 pieces of bags daily and earn about P900.

They also receive orders from Manila, where their buyers also sell their products.

According to Josie, some would order P25,000 to P35,000 worth of bags.

Payments are made through banks.

Typhoon 'Reming'

Josie recalls that the most challenging phase in their business was when Super Typhoon "Reming" struck last year.

"After the typhoon, nothing was left. Our materials and even our finished products at the store got wet," she says, adding that the work area beside their house was also destroyed.

Reming was one of the worst typhoons to hit Albay province and brought a huge amount of damage.

More than 700 people were also killed in the mudflow that swept many villages, including those near the home of Josie.

"We lost almost P300,000 because of Reming," she says.

For a year, she got so stressed and always thought of how they could recover.

Because of her worrying over everything, Josie was hospitalized for almost a month in December 2007 due to hypertension.

She still finds it hard to relate her experience after the typhoon and is always close to tears every time she talks about it.

But even if she was in the hospital, the production of their handicrafts factory continued, with her husband Gregorio and children taking over the business.

"My children would just come to the hospital and consult and update me," Josie says.

With everything that has happened, Josie's faith has never dwindled.

"The Lord loves me. In times of need, He is always there for me," she says.

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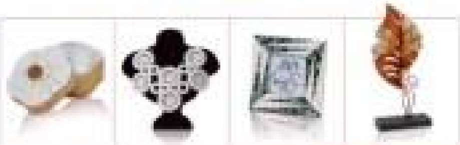

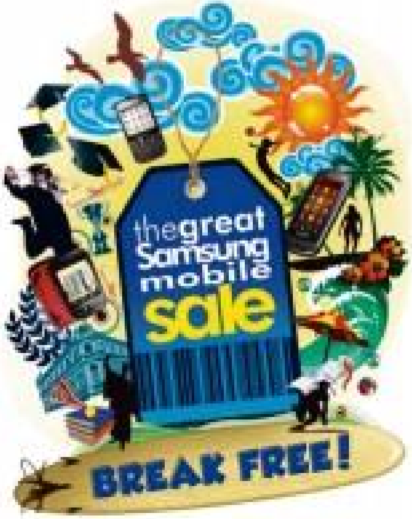

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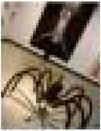

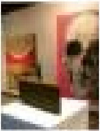

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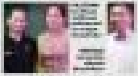

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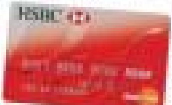

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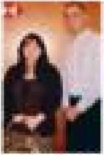

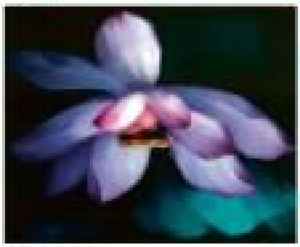

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Another Pinoy makes it to La Scala

Tenor Arthur Espiritu had performed in the venerable Milan theater in 2007 and is set to debut in Switzerland this year

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

THE FIRST KNOWN FILIPINO TO sing at La Scala di Milan was Jose Mossesgeld Santiago-Fere, who sang the role of Sparafucile in "Rigoletto" in 1938.

Another Filipino, Arthur Espiritu, a tenor, made it to La Scala in 2007 and sang the perfor-

ANOTHER PINOY

Confident, yes; arrogant, no: The John Robert Powers way

By Walter Ang
Contributor

THERE IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE between confidence and arrogance," Maurice Padilla says. "It all goes back to The Golden Rule.

That will never be passé."

Padilla has been helping Filipinos find their sense of self and style for 25 years as international director of the John Robert Powers school.

The school is popularly known for its personality-development courses. Toward that end, there are classes in social graces, poise and carriage.

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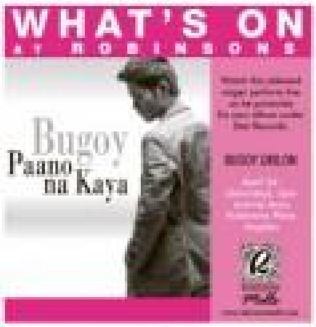

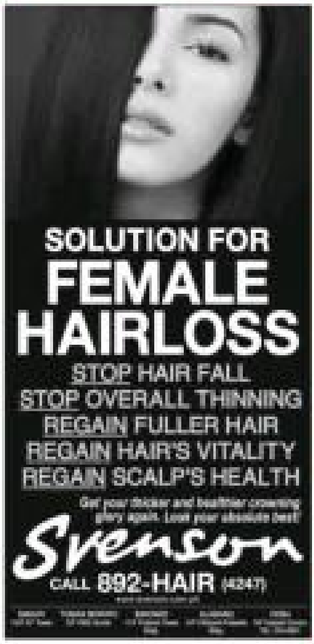

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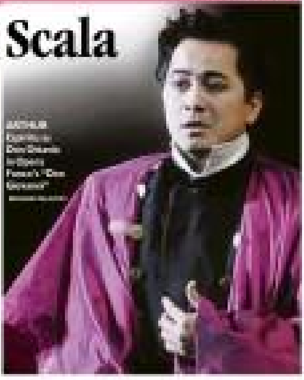

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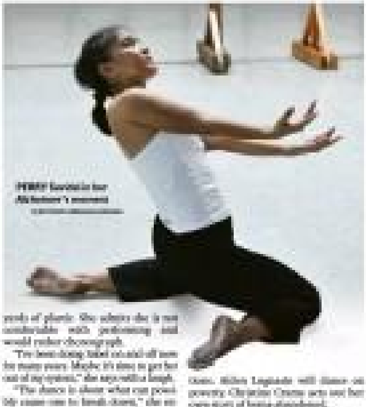

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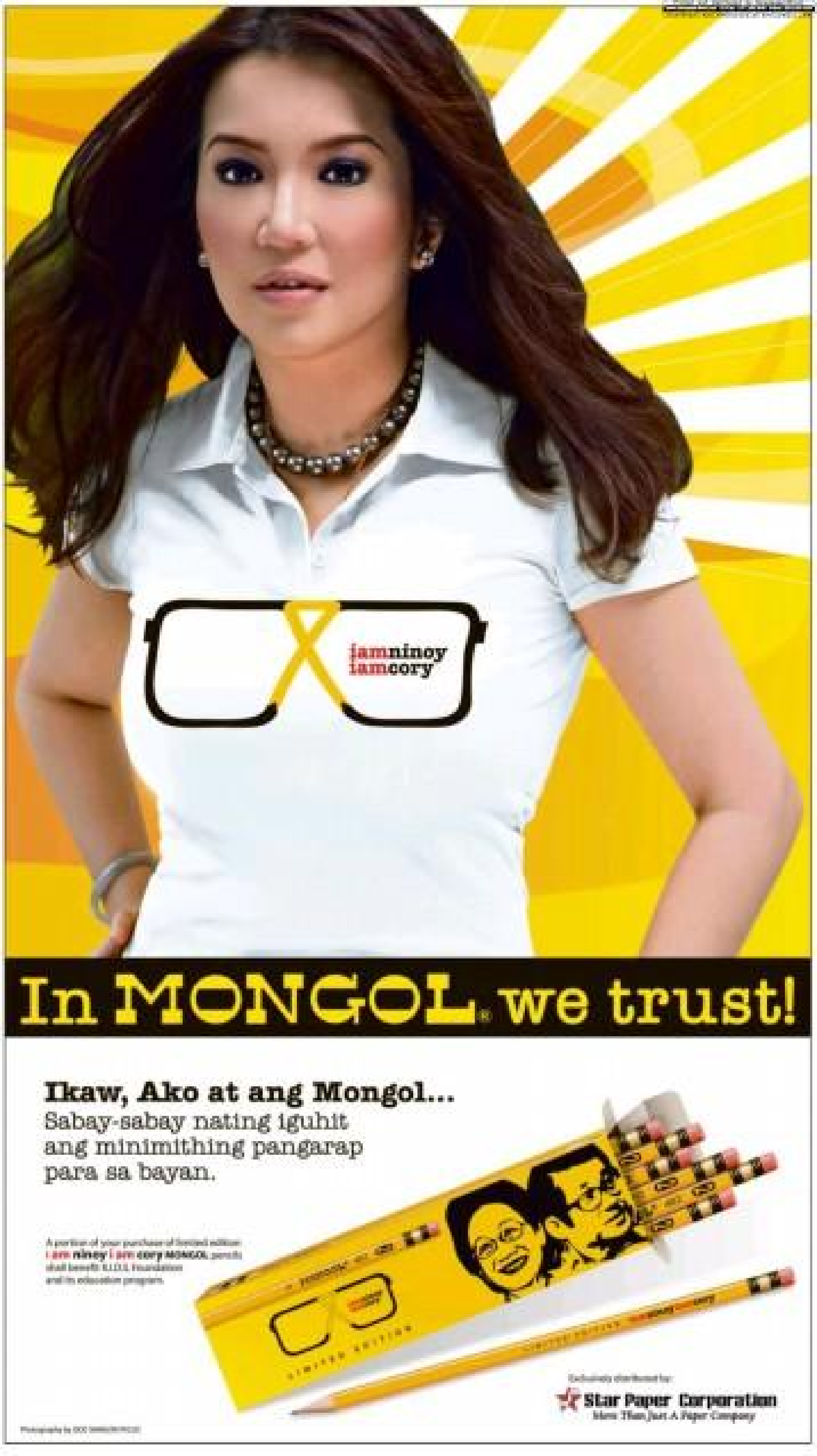
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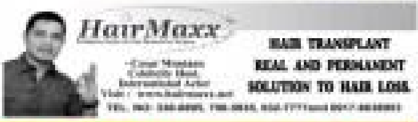

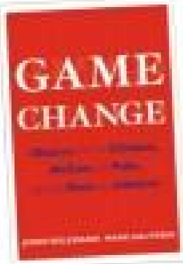

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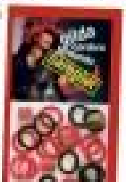

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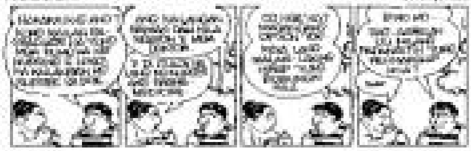

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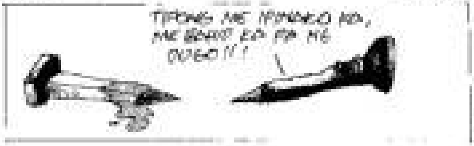

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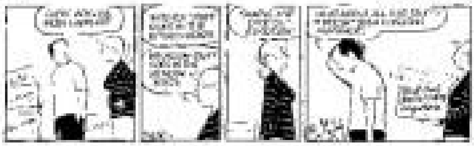

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON — By Jim Toomey

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CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Conceptis Sudoku

3			9			2		
	6	2		1	8		3	7
		9			3			5
6			1			8		
	5	7					4	6
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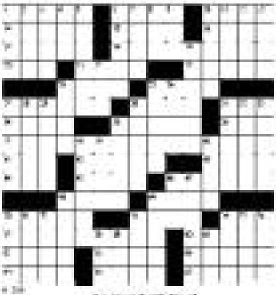
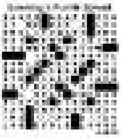
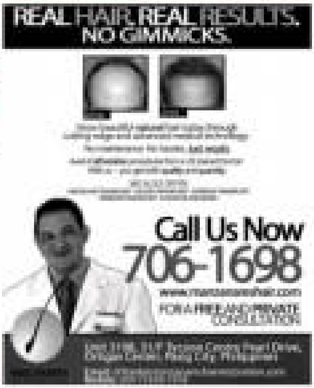




ENTERTAINMENT

OVERHEARD

JOHN LLOYD CRUZ, on his work vis-a-vis his love life: "I don't think my personal relationships affect my movies. Sarah (Geronimo) and I were never an item, but people like our movies. My last movie with Bea (Alonzo) was also a box-office success. It's really all about how we tell a story and how determined we are to bring our characters to life." *Marinel R. Cruz*



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5 CLASH OF THE TITANS
6 CLASH OF THE TITANS (Digital 3D)
7 HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON
8 BOOK OF ELI
9 BRAVIEN
10 HOT TUB MACHINE

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1 CLASH OF THE TITANS
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1 KICK-ASS
2 DATE NIGHT
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4 CLASH OF THE TITANS

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4 DATE NIGHT

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1 CLASH OF THE TITANS
2 THE FOURTH KIND
3 DATE NIGHT
4 BABE, I LOVE YOU

LIPA

1 CLASH OF THE TITANS
2 BABE, I LOVE YOU
3 BOOK OF ELI
4 GREEN ZONE

DASMARIÑAS

1 DATE NIGHT
2 BABE, I LOVE YOU
3 GREEN ZONE
4 CLASH OF THE TITANS

STARMILLS

1 GREEN ZONE
2 POSSESSION
3 BABE, I LOVE YOU
4 DIARY OF A WIMPY KID
5 DATE NIGHT
6 CLASH OF THE TITANS

IMUS

1 SOLOMON KANE
2 CLASH OF THE TITANS
3 BABE, I LOVE YOU
4 KICK ASS

ANGELES

1 SOLOMON KANE
2 DATE NIGHT
3 BABE, I LOVE YOU
4 CLASH OF THE TITANS

TACLOBAN

1 CLASH OF THE TITANS
2 BABE, I LOVE YOU
3 GREEN ZONE

DUMAGUETE

1 CLASH OF THE TITANS
2 BOOK OF ELI
3 BABE, I LOVE YOU

BACOLOD

1 BOOK OF ELI
2 BABE, I LOVE YOU
3 CLASH OF THE TITANS
4 DATE NIGHT
5 EDGE OF DARKNESS
6 POSSESSION

ILOILO

1 CLASH OF THE TITANS
2 BABE, I LOVE YOU
3 POSSESSION
4 THE ROAD
5 I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS
6 DATE NIGHT

GENSAN

1 CLASH OF THE TITANS
2 BABE, I LOVE YOU
3 BOOK OF ELI
4 GREEN ZONE

ILOCOS NORTE

1 BOOK OF ELI
2 CLASH OF THE TITANS
3 BABE, I LOVE YOU

Kim Chiu likes to pay it forward

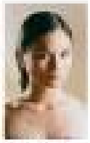
"TALAK" SCREENING

Surviving the 'Greek' pantheon

Bonding with chimps

Making mysteries

'Aliwan' at CCP



Miguel Escueta mall tour

Noel Cabangon at Mark's

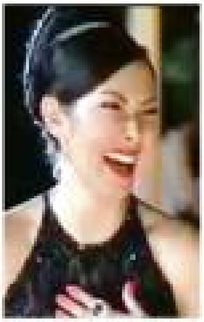
Child labor in show business

VIEWFINDER

Nestor C. Torre

> Some kids are worked long and hard by guardians

Joss Stone, Jimmy Cliff join Earth Day slate



Tribute to Ishmael Bernal

Backstage at new 'Buzz'

AS I WORK WITH HER, I ALso learn a lot. I'm ecstatic for KC. I can't wait to find out how great a host she'll be in five years," said Boy Abunda of KC Concepcion, his new co-host in the showbiz program "The Buzz."

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CHANGES have been made to ABS-CBN's top-rating talk show "The Buzz." Among them is a co-host, KC Concepcion (top left), who wore a Dolce & Gabbana on her first day at work.

Tribute to Ishmael Bernal

Award-winning filmmaker Jose Javier Reyes remakes the landmark movie, 'Working Girls'

IT WAS A DAUNTING challenge, but scriptwriter-director Jose Javier Reyes came up with a "2010 version" of Ishmael Bernal's "Working Girls" because he wanted to pay tribute to the late National Artist for Film.

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Eureka: Shortcut just won't cut it / G4
What 'Ondoy' taught these school kids / G4

LEARNING

By Stephen Marino A. Padilla
Contributor

SUMMER SEEMS doubly hot this year, especially with the El Niño phenomenon. But the high temperature should not discourage anyone from going outdoors and trying new things.

For the young, a dip in the pool will not only ease the discomfort from the scorching heat but will also provide an opportunity to learn a new skill while school is out.

With so many swimming classes, however, how does one make a choice?

LIFE SKILL

Tried and tested

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Healthy

[illegible]

One is to five

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Year-round

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Baking, yoga and golf at Sofitel Summer High

Reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic and relief work

Second Mom-Domuschola kids pick up all kinds of lessons from 'Ondoy' disaster

EUREKA! *Queena N. Lee-Chua*

Culture of shortcuts